RATHER TAME FIGHT

JIM THOMAS AND SAM BENNETT GO TEN MILD ROUNDS.

VERY LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.

KID M'COY TO CLAIM THE CHAM-PIONSHIP TO-DAY.

tays He Will Post a Forfeit to Fight Any Man in the World-Dan Creedon's Arm Said to Be Paralyzed-General Sporting Gossip.

Leavenworth, Kas., March 8 .- (Special.) A ten-round fight between Jim Thomas, of Chicago, and Sam Bennett, of Montreal, Canada, took place last night at a sporting esort south of the city. The contest was vitnessed by a large crowd of spectators, nany of whom put up considerable money spon their favorites. It was about midnight when the principals entered the ring. 30th men put up a good fight and apseared to be evenly matched, for neither won any material advantage over the other until the tenth round was reached. In this round Bennett punched Thomas seven times in the face without being struck in

sturn. The round closed with a heavy ight from Bennett. When time was called

oth men responded and the contest was leclared a draw.

Billy Williams, Bennett's backer, issued a challenge to fight any man in Kansas at 120 pounds before the club offering the largest purse. It was accepted by Tom Lemans and it is probable that the fight will come off at the same place in the near future.

Kid McCoy will to-day claim the championship of the world by default, through the refusal of Bob Fitzsimmons to meet him. While the claim of McCoy is regarded ir many quarters as preposterous, the fact rimains that he has had his money posted for a battle with the lank Australian and here is no particular reason why any man who pretends to be the champion fighter if the world should refuse to defend that the when the opportunity affords. Numer-

on pretends to be the champion ignter if the world should refuse to defend that did when the opportunity affords. Numerous opinions have been given on McCoy's claim. Some of them are as follows:

Tom O'Rourke—'I don't think McCoy has any right to claim the championship just because Fitzsimmons will not agree to fight him now. McCoy should fight Peter Maher first, and if he defeats him, then he will be in line for championship honors."

Sam Austin—'McCoy is certainly deserving of some recognition, as he has acted in good faith, has posted his money and lived up to the requirements of the prize ring. I think, however, he should fight Maher first, and that the people in this country will not regard him as the champion until he has done so."

Pat Powers—'I think Fitzsimmons is entitled to at least a year's rest. Then if entitled to at least a year's rest. Then if he is challenged by a fighter who is will-ing to put up enough money for a side bet, and refuses to fight, the pugilist who has challenged him can claim the title by de-

William A. Brady-"McCoy has no right championship of the world. If no one accepts his challenge at the expiration of the stipulated time, then he could lay claim to the title. McCoy should fight Maher, as Peter is as much entitled to the championship as the Kid.

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Owen Maloney, the old-time fighter—"Maher is entitled to the championship. He has put up his money and offered to fight any man in the world. That makes him champion. Yes, if McCoy puts up his money to fight any man and Maher fails to cover it, then McCoy's claim to the championship will hold good."

Spider Kelly—"Maher is the real champion. He threw down the gauntiet long ago and offered to fight any of them. And when they failed to pick fit up, why that moment he was the champion. Yes, if McCoy puts up money to fight any man in the world and Maher refuses to meet him, why then McCoy is entitled to the championship by all means."

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Eddie Kelly—"McCoy's challenge to fight Fitz or Corbett cuts no ice. Those two have retired from the ring. But if McCoy puts up his money and announces himself as ready to fight any man in the world and then Maher refuses to fight him, why then McCoy has a right to the title. But his challenge to Fitz and the latter's refusal to fight him cuts no ice for the simple reason that Fitz has announced himself as on the retired list, and as not willing to fight any one again."

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Charley Daly—"According to all precedents McCoy has no right to claim the championship just because he has challenged Fits and the latter refuses to fight him. If McCoy means business he should put up his money and announce himself as ready to fight any man in the world for the championship. He has no right to make a mark of Fitz or any one else. He must be ready to take on Maher or any other man. Any challenges aimed by McCoy or any one else at Fitz or Corbett will be looked on as bluffs, pure and simple, for those two have long since declared themselves as out of the fighting business. So let McCoy substitute the name of all comers for that of Fitz and then if his challenge remains unanswered he has a clear right to the title."

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John Duffy, who has been the referee in several championship fights—"I think McCoy should claim the championship if Fitzsimmons doesn't fight him. If McCoy has the money Fitz ought to fight him."

Jim Hall, the only man who claimed to have ever defeated Fitzsimmons—"Fitz-simmons and Corbett have both retired—one by choice, the other by defeat. Maher and McCoy both have money. McCoy should claim the championship if Fitzsimmons doesn't accept his challenge, and then McCoy and Maher should fight it out."

Lou Houseman-"I dislike to express an Lou Houseman—"I dislike to express an opinion. It seems to me, however, if a fighter makes a challenge and backs it up with good money, he is entitled to a match or the claim. If the offer is bona fide I can't see why it should not stand." Jach Everhardt—"I don't care to cay, These championship claims without a fight don't strike me just right."

Bob Armstrong—"A challenge is a challenge and Flizsimmons has no real excuss for his refusal to accept McCoy's defi."

Charlie McKeever—"I think McCoy should be considered the champion if Flizsimmons does not agree to meet him."

Chicage, March s.—Tom Hanton is still looking for a chance to match Stiff against Dan Creedon for his show, which is to come during the early part of next month. The genial local promoter took a trip out to see Colonel Hopkins, Dan's protector and manager, to see if something could not be done to get the two middleweights together. The colonel met Hanton, and, although he at first refused to consider a match, he at length "loosened" up and gave out the fact that Creedon would not be able to fight for a long time to come, as his left arm is almost paralyzed from an injury received while boxing with Joe Choynski, previous to his match with McCoy.

Joe Gans, the Baltimore colored light-weight who got a decision over Frank Gar-rard in a hard and bloody battle at Cleve-land recently, has been matched to meet "Kid" McPartland in a twenty round contest at Cleveland April 12. Gans is a

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true lightweight, about 133 pounds being his best weight, and unless McPartland will have a limb or some other part of his body amputated he will outweigh the col-ored man very close to ten pounds, as it is said that he cannot make better weight than 142 pounds now. han 142 pounds now.

MEETING OF THE WINGSHOTS. Donley International Shooting Tournament Draws a Big Crowd of

Cracks to Ontario. Thomas, Ont., March 8.-The Donley in ternational shooting tournament com-menced here to-day. Among the cracks present are: Lilly, of Beck; Tripp, of Indianapolis; Young, Springfield, O.; Gra-ham, Sault Ste. Marie; Easton, Monroeville, O.; DeWolf, Chicago; Parker, Wood, Thempson, of Jackson, Mich.; Love, Roch-ester; Marks, Scotten, Morse, MacKay, of Detroit; McCartney, Morris, Kelsey, Hub-bard, of Buffalo; Manning, San Francisco. Summary:

bard, of Buffalo; Manning, San Francisco. Summary: First event—10 birds. Miller, McPher-son, Graham, Donely, Pope, Stotts, Grey and Girard killed ten birds each. Second event—15 targets. Love, Bates, Hovey, Pope, Wright, Easton, Wilson, Wayper, Tripp and Emslie got fifteen each. each.
Third event-20 targets. Emslie, Kaston,
Hovey, Bates, Tyro and Jones, twenty Fourth event-% targets. Bright and Wilson, twenty-live each.

Fifth event-15 targets. Fanning, Love and Easton, fifteen each.

Extra event-10 targets. Palmer, Emslie, Wilson, McPherson, Fanning, Hallowell and Graham, ten each.

Sweepstakes-15 bluerocks. Thompson, Wayper, Wilson and Parker, fifteen each.

New Orleans, March 8.—High Test, in the last race, was the only winning favorite today. Nabob, another favorite, ran a dead heat with Domsie in his race. The weather was fine and the track fast. Summaries:
First race—Selling; 7 furlongs. Oreusa, 90 (L. Rose), 15 to 1, won; Cherry Leaf, 106 (L. Smith), 1 to 3 and out, second; Alkyris, 93 (Dupee), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:25%.
Second race—One mile. Nabob, 112 (A. Barrett), 9 to 10 and 2 to 5, and Domsie, 107 (Thompson), 7 to 2 and 4 to 5, ran a dead heat; Ma Petite, 110 (Dupee), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:43½.
Third race—Selling; 1½ miles. Lobensula, 114 (Hirsch), 9 to 5, won; Necedah, 115 (N. Turner), 4 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Mount Washington, 103 (Dupee), 8 to 5, third. Time, 2:11%. New Orleans, March 8.-High Test, in the

Variantington, its (Dupee), 8 to 8, third. Time, 2:113.

Fourth race—Handicap; 7 furlongs. Brighton, 92 (Thompson), 2 to 1, won; Sim W., 109 (A. Barrett), even and 1 to 3, second: Elsie Bramble, 94 (C. Clay), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:2814.

Fifth race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Miss Young, 108 (C. Clay), 10 to 1, won; Nannie Dunn, 105 (N. Turner), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Lorrania, 108 (L. Smith), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:1514.

Sixth race—Selling; 1 mile. High Test, 109 (N. Turner), even, won; Vanessa, 103 (Thompson), 10 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Mitt Boykin, 103 (A. Barrett), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:42.

Results at Oakland.

San Francisco, Cal., March 8.-Weather loudy; track good at Oakland to-day. Cloudy; trace good a: Summaries: First race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Judge Stouffer, 110 (Thorpe), 2 to 1, won; Lucky Star, 107 (McNichols), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, sec-ond; Sutton, 110 (Dorsey), 8 tol, third. Second race—Purse; 6 furlongs, Glorlan, 115 (Clayton), 6 to 5, won; Elsmore, 110 (Thorpe), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Rio Frio, 112 (Hennessy), 50 to 1, third. Time, (Thorpe), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Rio Frio, 112 (Hennessy), 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Third race—Selling: 1½ miles. Parthemax. 105 (Thorpe), 4 to 5, won; Paul Pry, 106 (Clayton), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Benamela, 105 (Clawson), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:55½.

Fourth race—Selling; 15-16 mile. Scarf Pin, 97 (Gray), 3½ to 1, won; Refuge, 110 (H. Brown), 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, second, Montallado, 102 (Clawson), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.

Fifth race—Selling; 5 furlongs. Valencienne, 117 (Spencer), 5 to 2, won; Good Friend, 117 (Conley), 8 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Abina, 117 (E. Jones), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:01%.

Bixth race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Chappie, 107 (Gray), 30 to 1, won; Major Cook, 113 (McDonaid), 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Miss Ross, 108 (Spencer), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:15½.

Armorys Defeat Exchanges.

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alleys last night by 54 pins. Royer was high man
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Savage 8 14 447 Cincinnati, O., March 8.—To-day, the last of the series of bowling matches between Greater New York and teams in Cincinnati, Covington and Newport was played in Covington.

The scores were scarcely up to a good amateur standard. In all the contests the teams consisted of five men each, possible score 1.509. The scores of the

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Yousouf and Roeber Matched.

New York, March 8.—Yousouf, the Turk, and Ernest Roeber, champion Graeco-Roman wrestler of the world, were matched to-day to wrestle at Madison Square garden on Saturday night, March 25. The articles provide for a Graeco-Roman match, two out of three falls, no holds barred. Five hundred dollars a side was named as forfeit money and a side bet and 59 per cent of the gate receipts as the purse. The referee will be named at 3 o'clock on the day of the match.

Many Dogs Entered.

The board of governors of the Kansas City Kennel Club met at the Midland last evening and discussed arrangements for the show that opens at the armory on Tuesday next. The entries closed last evening and more than 500 dogs have been listed by the secretary and will be shown at the armory. Many of them are high class dogs that have taken prizes elsewhere and are strictly first class. Many local dogs have been entered.

Dwyer Defeats Muller.

St. Paul, Minn., March 8.—The catch-as-catch-can wrestling contest between George Muller, of St. Louis, and Professor M. J. Dwyer, of this city, at Conover hall, to-night, resulted in a victory for Dwyer, he securing two straight falls. Baseball Notes.

Anson has left Chicago and gone East, and rumor uss it that he is to manage a ball team out there. Hugh Duffy has been informed by Manager Selec-hat he is to be captain of the Botton team again president Watkins says war would help the basebal ame in the interior, but the attendance in the coast owns would suffer. towns would suffer.

Comiskey believes that Glenalvin will play second base on the St. Paul team in spite of the latter's protestations that he will never again play ball.

According to the Washington papers, all that is lacking to make a championably team is a first-class segmoned pitcher, and the signing of Jack Doyle. Doyle says he never put in two such hard years in its life as he did with the Baltimore club. And yet he refuses to be transferred from that team to the his life as in the transferred from that team he refuses to be transferred from that team has Washingtons.

"Scrappy" Joyce, of New York: "The team has made no changes, and seems to be no weaker and no stronger than it was last year, unless some of its new, young pitchers turn out all right. The Bostons

ould be just as good as last year were it not fact that several other clubs have strength-

Professional ball players are gradually adopting the training methods of college athletes. Jack McMas-ters, ex-Princeton trainer, is looking after the physi-cal condition of the Brooklyn team. Cincinnati has pursued a somewhat different course.

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The Pittsburg team will travel over 14,000 miles next season—2,500 miles more than any other club. This is because of the numerous single trips it will make to Cleveland. Pittsburg gets eighteen Saturdays at home and nine abroad, and also sixteen Sundays abroad.

The salary limit law in vogue in the Western League is as full of elasticity as the farming statute, which can be stretched a mile before it will tear an inch, says Joe Campbell.—Cleveland Leader. And that's about as close to the facts as Joe usually guesses. Manager Watkins, of the Pittsburgs, freely declares

Manager Watkins, of the Pittsburgs, freely declares that he "unloaded a lot of trouble" upon Cincinnati when he gave Pink Hawley to the Reds. Hawley has not seen fit to sign a Cincinnati contract yet because he wishes more salary than he has been offered. Watkins thinks that the Beaver Dam man will eventually enter the Porkopolis fold, and that he will find in Buck Ewing a master who will receive all the consideration necessary at the hands of the pitcher. It was a question of Hawley or Killen with the Pirate manager, and he chose to stand by Killen. These two pitchers could not dwell beneath the same camp tent, hence the change.

The baseball magnates think they have purified baseball. A season's trial of the new rules will tell. As in the past, much will depend on the efficiency of the umpires. If the club owners are earnest it should be an easy matter to stop profanity and unnecessary "kicking" on the field. A few years back there was nothing of that sort, and but for the encouragement of the club owners the players would not have become so bolaterous in their endeavors to win. The practice of noisy coaching, from which most disturbances grow, originated in the American Ausociation, and was grafted finto the league with the amalgamation of the two organizations. At first only a few teams practiced it, but gradually all joined in, and hall fields became almost disreputable. It is to be hoped that a new order of things will prevail. The roise changes effected at St. Louis will not materially change the game from the spectators' point of view.

General Sporting Notes.

Australia will be represented on the race paths of this country during the coming season by two of the speediest riders in the colonies, Megson and Walne. Gus Macey, one of the most prominent trotting horse drivers in Kentucky, is reported to have ac-cepted an offer to train a stable of runners this year. Besides his twenty round contest with George Dixon with Johnny Griffin, the "Braintree Lad," at Chicago on March 17.

Joe Walcott and "Mysterious Billy" Smith have signed for a twenty-five round glove contest for \$2,900 a side and \$60 per cent of the gate receipts, to take place at Bridgeport, Conn., the second week in April.

Joe Choynski is training hard for his proposed meeting with Tom Sharkey, which is booked to be decided at San Francisco on March 11. There is some doubt, however, as to the battle taking place on that date.

date.

"The puglilist delivered upon his rival a perfect hurricane of blows," read the sporting editor, looking over his assistant's copy. "I suppose you use 'hurricane of blows' advisedly?" "Oh, of course," replied the assistant. "Nothing but wind."—Ex. Some Topeka, Kas., sports, and fanciers from St. Joseph, Mo., have arranged for a cocking main to be held in Leavenworth, Kas., March 17. Fritz Bragg's saloon has been chosen as the place of meeting. Twenty dollars a side and \$75 on the odd bird is the stake taiked of.

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Jim Jeffries' contest with Peter Jackson is scheduled to take piace at San Francisco on March 22,
The colored heavyweight is said to be getting into good trim. However, the betting so far is in favor of Jeffries, who has youth and strength in his favor. It the mill comes off Sam Pitapatrick will be in Jack-New York is bound to have a race track this year.

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Since the disposal of Fleetwood park the leading horsemen of the metropolis have got together and selected a new site for a trotting track. As soon as the track is bought dates will be claimed for a meeting of Grand circuit proportions for September 19 to 23, thus making it the last meeting of the circuit.

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There is a good deal of interest in the coming fight
between Jimmy Barry and Johnnie Ritchie. The
men meet before the Chicago Athletic Association
Saturday night at catchweights. Ritchie is about 115
pounds in weight, and this forces the champion bantam to give prohabity seven as eight pounds. Pitching

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PROSPEROUS YEAR SHOWN,

ANNUAL MEETING OF MISSOURI PA-CIFIC-IRON MOUNTAIN LINES.

Inder Adverse Conditions the Business Shows a Strong Increase in Gross and Net Earnings-Railroad News.

St. Louis, March 8.-The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain railway companies was held in this city to-day and the report for the year of 1897 was submitted in detail. showed the following results of operations and comparisons with 1896: Gross earnings, \$24,805,451, an increase of \$3,793,490; operating expenses, \$17,454,111, increase of \$962,787; net earnings, \$7,351,339; total income, \$8,177,611; charges against income, \$7,682,490, increase of \$367,601; surplus, \$495,-

57.652.490, increase of \$500,000, surplus, vinces 200.

The report then says: "While adverse general conditions which prevailed in 1895 continued during the early part of the year, accentuated by the high water in the spring, and again in the fall by the yellow fever epidemic, the results shown are those of a prosperous year, there having been an increase in freight train mlleage of nearly 14 per cent." increase in freight train mileage of nearly 14 per cent."

The statistics of passenger traffic compared with the previous year show a decrease in the number of passengers carried of 236,164. This is due to the continued decrease in the commutation business, caused by electric car competition.

Freight traffic statistics show an increase in tons carried of 1,634,61, and in the freight earnings an increase of \$2,765,398. The increase in tonnage was largely in bulk grain, although other agricultural products served crease in tonnage was largely in bulk grain, although other agricultural products served to swell the total increase, there being an increase in the movement of Arkansas cotton, due to the large crop. The movement of merchandise and manufactures after the harvesting of crops, increased in the Missouri Paclic 85,000 tons, and over 50,000 tons on the Iron Mountain. The average rate per ton per mile shows a slight decrease.

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The directors elected at the meeting were: For the Missouri Pacific—George J. Gould, Russell Sage, Edwin Gould, Louis Fitzgerald, John P. Munn, John G. Moore, Howard Gould, Samuel Sloan, Thomas T. Eckert, D. D. Parmly, S. H. H. Clark, D. K. Ferguson, C. G. Warner, For the Iron Mountain—George J. Gould, Russell Sage, C. C. W. Lowrey, John T. Terry, Henry Whelen, A. I. Hopkins, Duncan D. Parmly, R. M. Gallaway, Howard Gould, Frank Jay Gould, R. J. Lackland, C. G. Warner, D. K. Ferguson,

RATE WAR SPREADING. Canadian Pacific Slashes Rates Out of San Francisco to the

East. Chicago, March 8.-The Canadian Pacific nas announced that it will take its reduced rates into San Francisco. From that city to the East it will make the follow ing rates: St. Paul, \$25; Chicago, \$36.50; ing rates: St. Paul, \$25; Chicago, \$26,50; New York \$40. Those rates are first-class and the second-class rates will in each instance be \$10 lower than the rates given above. In making these rates the Canadian Pacific will have to content itself with the ocean route from San Francisco to the Western terminus of its line. The Southern Pacific will not allow it the use of its Shasta route, and the ocean route is all that is left for it.

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At the present time there is a fight on between the steamship companies and the Southern Pacific which has pulled down the rates between San Francisco and Portland to 55 net. The Canadian Pacific has taken advantage of this and has decided to carry the fight into the chief points on the Pacific coast that are within its reach. A call was issued to-day by the chairman of the Western Passenger Association for a meeting of the general passenger agents of the roads of the organization to be held to-morrow for the purpose of considering the latest phase of the fight with the Canadian Pacific. At the meeting the propriety of asking the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern either to abolish the rebate system of selling tickets to points on the North Pacific coast, or to cease all interchange of business with the Canadian Pacific and the Soo line and to route all of its business via Chicago, will be discussed.

TRUSTED OFFICIAL'S FALL

William H. Hosmer, Secretary of the Joint Traffic Bureau, a Confessed Embezzler.

Chicago, Ill., March 8.-An investigation into the accounts of the Western Joint for several days, has disclosed the fact that William H. Hosmer, secretary of the bu-reau, was short to the amount of about \$2,000. The disclosure incidentally may lead \$3,000. The disclosure incidentally may lead to the dissolution of the bureau and its reorganization. Mr. Hosmer made a confession to J. W. Midgeley, chairman of the bureau, and admitted having taken the meney, but claimed he had not intended to keep it and would ultimately have returned it. He said he had used the money in small amounts when he needed it for household expenses. There is no disposition to prosecute him, and he is engaged in assisting the experts examine the books. He has asked Mr. Midgeley to grant him another chance; to give him a clerkship another chance; to give him a clerkship so that he may save from his salary to replace what he has taken. Already he has given Mr. Midgeley a check for \$1,000 for that purpose. Hosmer was connected with the bureau for fifteen years and so implicitly did Mr. Midgeley trust him that there never was an examination of the books.

RAILROAD DIRECTORS MEET.

Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf Off cials Transact Routine Business at the Annual Meeting.

The formal meetings of the directors of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf road: the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield and the Current River Railway Company and the Kansas City Belt line were all held yesterday morning at the offices of the Memphis company here. There was noth-ing done other than to authorize the presing done other than to authorize the president to make out the annual reports of the companies and file them with the railroad commissioners of the state as required by law. These meetings are required to be held by the law and are pure legal formalities.

The annual meetings of the companies to elect directors will be held to-day.

Texas Rates Changed.

St. Louis, Mo., March 8.—Advice of the following changes in rates, in connection with the movement of Texas traffic, have been promulgated by the chairman of the Southwestern freight bureau in consequence of the receipt of advices from directly interested lines:

Effective March 14, 1883, from Texas common points to St. Louis, Mo., carloads eggs, 75 cents per 100 pounds; less than carloads, 90 cents per 100 pounds, classified differentials being applicable in the establishment of rates from points taking higher than common point rates and to points in defined territories.

Rates on cotton in bales, via all-rail routes, from Texas common points to New York, will be not less than 5% cents per 100 pounds, this figure being based on combination of locals through Galveston, Tex., it being understood that rates to

combination of locals through Galveston, Tex., it being understood that rates to Boston and other domestic points will be made on straight combination of locals via Gulf routes and New York, unless combination of locals through Mississippi river crossings make less.

Effective March 14, 1898, interested lines will apply same rates, from Houston and Galveston to Gibbon, Waukita and Clyde, O. T., as in effect from same points to Renfrow, O. T. Points mentioned are located on the extension of the Hutchison & Southern railroad and have recently been opened for business,

Peace May Be Restored.

New York, March 8.—A meeting of the Joint Traffic passenger committee of the trunk lines' association was held to-day at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. There were present about fifty members of the association, in addition to representatives of the South and New England association. L. P. Farmer, president of the trunk lines' association, occupied the chair.

The principal business of the day was the hearing of the report of D. S. Roberts, of the Erie raliroad, and George H. Daniels, of the New York Central, who went to Montreal February 24 to discuss with the Canadian Pacific raliroad officials the disturbances that have brought about a general reduction in rates to the Pacific coast and other Western points. Prospects are good for an adjustment.

Railroad Legislation at Washington Washington, March 8.—(Special.) Senator Baker to-day introduced a bill to amend the act granting a right of way through the Indian Territory to the St. Louis, Oklahoma & Southern railway. The bill to amend it is simply an extension of time for

the construction of the road for one year.

Representative Stephens, of Texas, favorably reported the bill granting a right of way through the Indian Territory to the Arkansas, Texas & Mexican Central Rail-

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

Pittsburg & Gulf Said to Be After Arkansas Lines That Would Add Greatly to Its Importance.

Little Rock, Ark., March 8.-A very im

portant deal is on foot which, if carried

ut, will result in giving the Kansas City,

to Memphis. The deal involves the pur-chase of the Little Rock & Memphis short line and the Little Rock, Hot Springs & Gulf and the building of about thirty miles of new track.
The Little Rock & Memphis has been on the market for many months and its sale has been repeatedly advertised and post poned, the bonded debt of the road being so heavy as to deter purchasers from making any offer for the property. It was given out to-day that the Pittsburg & Gulf is after the Little Rock & Memphis Guif is after the Little Rock & Memphis.

A representative of that system was in Little Rock Saturday with Receiver Fink. They made a thorough inspection of the terminal facilities in Argenta and left in the afternoon for a tour of inspection. Should the Pittsburg people get the Memphis road and the Little Rock, Hot Springs & Texas, they would, by completing a gap of about twenty miles between Little Rock and Benton, and extending a short distance west of Hot Springs, have a direct line from Mena to Memphis and a through line from Kansas City to the Mississippi rive.

FORT SMITH REJOICING.

ne New Railroad Completed and Two Others Under Way to Enlarge City Territory.

Fort Smith Ark, March 8-The first train on the new Arkansas Central railroad went from here to Charleston this afternoon, bearing the Commercial Club and prominent business men as guests of the company and in honor of the occasion.
Twenty-six miles of the road will be in operation in ten days and construction to Little Rock and Memphis will be vigorously prosecuted.
Withing forty days two other new railroads will be completed to Fort Smith—
the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf, and the
Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf.

CONTINUOUS LINE.

Pittsburg & Gulf Will Complete Connection To-day From Port Arthur to Omaha and Quincy.

The Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad Compan announced yesterday that to-day it would complete the connections that would give it a continuous line from Port Arthur up to Omaha and Quincy. The connection will be made on the Kansas City Northern Connecting road that reaches Pattonsburg.

New Time Card on Union Pacific. New Time Card on Union Pacific.

The new time card that goes into effect Sunday will make some very important changes on the Union Pacific road out of Kansas City. The plug train will be put on again between here and Junction City. It will leave the Union depot at 4 o'clock each afternoon. The Denver limited train will leave at 8:30, instead of 7:30, p. m., and will arrive in Denver at 12:55 the next afternoon. It cuts off a chunk of time at each end of the route. It will arrive from Denver at 7:25, instead of 8:50, each morning. The plug in from Junction City will reach the Union depot at 10:30 each morning.

Another Nut for Chairman Caldwell. Chicago. March & General passenger agents of the Western roads met to-day for the purpose of considering the extra fare proposition on the Denver fast trains, but nothing came of the meeting. The chances are now that the matter will be referred to Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Passenger Association, who, by the wishes of the presidents of the interested roads, is to act as a sole arbitrator in case the roads fail to reach an agreement.

A Boston Delegation. A special train from Boston will reach the Union depot this morning at 7 o'clock carrying a big delegation of investors from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern points. The party is on its way to Port Arthur and will leave about noon in the special train over the Port Arthur route for the South. The train is composed of five sleepers, dining car and observation car and the party is making the trip in fine style.

Old Officers Re-elected.

St. Joseph. Mo., March & (Special.) A meeting of the directors of the Hannibal & St. Joseph. and Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railways was held in the the office of General Auditor C. M. Carter to-day. The officers elected were: C. E. Perkins, president; J. C. Peasley, first vice president; George B. Harris, second vice president; J. C. Peasley, treasurer. Railroad Spikes. Howard Elliott, general manager of the Burlington lines in Missouri, was at the Coates House yesterday.

Coates' House yesterday.

London, March 8.—The privy council has granted the Grand Trunk railroad leave to appeal against the judgment of the supreme court of Canada in the case of Washington vs. the Grand Trunk railroad.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Kansas City & Atlantic Railroad Company was held at the company's office in the Telephone building yesterday. The meeting was held behind closed doors and what transpired was not given out. what transpired was not given out.

The Coast Defenses.

One-half the number of improved cannon, mortars and emplacements will be located and placed in suitable position ere the expiration of 1898. The Artillery board is constantly making practical surveys, so far as these relate to the army, and the establishment of adequate military protection of our seaboard, frequently urged upon the government by the chambers of commerce of our maritime cities, is receiving a strong reinforcement from this source. Meanwhile there is a means of defense from greater physical calamity which no one afflicted with nervousness or dyspepsia should neglect, and that is the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which by restoring the tone of the nerves and stomach invigorates the entire system. It also remedies and prevents malarial, kidney and rheumatic aliments, and cures billiousness and constipation. It is a capital appetizer, and promotes sound repose. Those who have been cured by it speak in no uncertain tones as to the effectiveness of this celebrated medicine in disease and as a medicinal stimulant.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Mary A. Forster died of pneumonia yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, W. B. Young. 518 Spruce street.
Cordelia A. Harris, 67 years old, died last night at her home, 711 Forest avenue. Her funeral will take place from the Central Presbyterian church to Union cemetery Thursday afternoon.
Lena Fansberg, 21 years of age, died yesterday of consumption at 25 West Thirty-first street. Her remains will be interred Thursday afternoon at Union cemetery.

The Death of W. M. Kinney. W. M. Kinney, 72 years old, died of pneumonia vesterday at the home of his son. 1518 Prospect avenue. Mr. Kinney was a ploneer in Western Missouri, being a resident of Jackson county nearly fifty years ago. The latter years of his life were spent in Butler, Mo., where his remains will be taken for interment.

Its Milk Is Below the Standard. The board of public works yesterday in-structed Secretary R. M. Godfrey to notify the Missouri Dairy Company that com-plaint had been made that the milk delivered to the city hospital was not up to the standard in quality or in measurement and that on further complaint the company would be called before the board.

Street Sprinkling Contract Let. The board of public works yesterday let he contract for sprinkling the streets thout the city hall to the Kansas City mproved Street Sprinkling Company at 22 per month.

Council Asked to Pave a Street. The committee was recommended by the board of public works yesterday to pass an ordinance providing for the paving with asphalt of Thirty-first street from Main street to Holmes street.

An installment of \$2,000 worth of new books was received and unpacked at the public library yesterday. They are now being catalogued and will be ready for dis-tribution in a few days. Sleeplessness, Indigestion and Pain are horrors hat PARKER'S GINGER TONIC will abate. PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM aids the hair growth.

Many New Books for the Library.

THE TOY OF A WANTON WIND.

PATROLMAN CRANE GETS INTO ONE OF THE TRASH RECEPTACLES.

Democratic Banner at the Junction Torn Loose and Swishing in the Breeze Catches Up the Officer and Dumps Him in the Can.

It was a wicked gust of March wind that Pittsburg & Gulf a direct line from Mena swooped down Main street about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It eddied the dust in a playful and aggravating way as it whirled into doorways and people's eyes. Occasionally it caught a dress skirt or a hat, to the consternation of the owner. It made the signs along the street clatter as it passed along seeking something worthy

for its prey.
Officer J. L. Crane stood at the corner of Ninth and Main streets. His shoulders were thrown weil back and his six feet of olue and brass were displayed to good effect. His uniform was new and close fitbut nowhere was there an opportunity for him to display his valor. Down the street came the wind, but it passed the office unarrested. As if to insult his dignifie

bint to display his valor. Down the street came the wind, but it passed the officer unarrested. As if to insult his dignified pose it scattered dust over his uniform and into his eyes. Suddenly this officer was startled by a sharp report, which came from an office window three stories up, across the street. It sounded like the crack of a pistol. Officer Crane grasped his club with a firm grip and his frame quivered with expectancy as he jumped across the gutter and glanced up to the window whence the report came.

High up in the air, clinging by one end to a window in the Junction Hotel building, waved and cracked the long strip of canvas, on which was painted "Democratic Headquarters," which had hung across the street. It had been torn loose from its moorings on the west side of the street by the gust of wind, which snapped and fondled it by turns, as if in the ecstacy of delight. The long banner tugged away at its mooring, one end waving and writhing in the air, as though trying to shake off the letters of Shannonism. Then the wind tired of its toy, like a cat of a mouse, and the loose end of the banner descended to the street with a crash, tearing the cloth in places from the wire netting on which it was stretched.

Then close on the heels of the first gust came another, sweeping close to the ground. It swished the banner across the street, scattering people pell mell out of range of its cavorting. Then it dashed dangerously near the big plate glass windows on the east side of the street. Officer Crane sprang towards the thing of cloth and wire with vengeance in his eye and his club in his hand. The banner swung above him crashing and snapping. He wielded his club wildly above his head in hopes of tearing it loose from its fastened end, but in vain. As he cavorted about the crowd admired his brave efforts but doubted his ability to arrest the cloth. Again the wind tossed it above his head and the big officer was about to give up in despair, when, with a cracking sound, it swooped down and quick as a flash th

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VERY MUCH MIXED.

Howard Manley Clearey, Taken to Po lice Station, Imagines He Is in Court at Salt Lake.

A well dressed young man who said his name was Howard Manley Clearey was taken into police headquarters about 1 o'clock this morning by Officers Cosgrove o'clock this morning by Officers Cosgrove and Greeley. He was very much intoxicated and had mixed his drinks so that he imagined he was in Salt Lake City in court. He made a pretty speech to Captain Branham and insisted on calling him "judge," although the tall captain protested and said he had never gone into politics. He argued his case so cleverly that Captain Branham made no charge against him and had him locked up for safe keeping. His wit and locked up for safe keeping. His wit and eloquence made much amusement for the officers of the station and his arrival completely upset the midnight monotony that so often prevails down there.

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A woman who is weak, nervous and sleepless, and who has cold hands and feet, cannot feel and act like a well person. Carter's Iron Pills equalize the circulation, remove nervousness and give strength and

Still Examining Creek Warrants. Will Zevely, the special agent of the interior department, who made the investigation of the issue of the fraudulent Creek Indian warrants, and on whose report the department pronounced them of no value, is at the Midland. He came in from St. Louis yesterday morning and spent the day here. Most of the fraudulent issue of warrants were unloaded on Kansas City investors. Mr. Zevely left last evening for Indian Terrotiry on department matters.

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CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

Charles Dungan, who lives at 1721 Holly, fell and wrenched his right ankle at Eighth and Cherry streets, last night. He was taken to Central police station where Poloce Surgeon Longan dressed the ankle. A. Groner reported to the police in this city last night that his home at 610 South Sixth street, Kansas City, Kas., had been entered by a sneak thief during the afternoon and a brown overcoat and a lady's gold watch stolen.

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